

ASSIGNMENTS/ SUMMER PROJECTS

- I. Choose one book from your assigned grade level list. Every incoming or returning students must read two books.
- II. Read two books. While reading, keep a journal of your thoughts, predictions, visualizations, questions, and connection. Students must write a summary persuading a person to read or not read the book.
 - A. Students will take a Accelerated Reader Test during the Language Arts Classes. The test must be taken by September 7, 2012.
 - B. Turn in your SUMMARY to your Language Arts teacher on or before September 7, 2012.
 - C. Both assignments will be counted as two test grades, so please make sure it is COMPLETED ON TIME!



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Library, and
Barnes & Nobles**



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**SUMMER
READING LIST
2012**

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6TH GRADE

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen



Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the hatchet his mother has given him as a present.

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia



Eleven-year old Delphine has it together. Even though her mother, Cecile, abandoned her and her younger sister, Vonetta and Fern, seven years ago. Even though her father and Big Ma will send them from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to stay with Ceile for the summer.

Island of the Blue Dolphin by Scott O'Dell



Once, Indians also lived on the island. And when they left and sailed to the east, one young girl was left behind. This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphin.

We Beat the Street by Sharon Draper



Three friends could easily have followed their childhood friends into drug dealing, gangs, and prison. They came from poor, single-parent homes in urban neighborhoods where survival, not scholastic success, was the priority.

7TH GRADE

The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline B. Conney



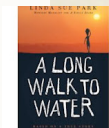
It is about a teenage girl who was at lunch one day and saw her face under missing children on a milk carton. She then goes and tries to find her real parents.

Mare's War by Tanita S. Davis



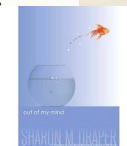
Sisters Octavia and Tali dread the road trip their parents are forcing them to take with their grandmother over the summer. After Mare, isn't your typical grandmother. Mare was once a willful teenager who escaped her less-than-perfect life in the Deep South and lied.....

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park



Before leaving Africa, Salva's life is one of harrowing tragedy. Separated from his family by war and forced to travel on foot through hundreds of miles of hostile territory, he survives starvation, animal attacks and....

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper



Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.

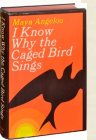
8TH GRADE

The Pact by Davis, Hunt, and Jenkins



Three young men who lived in the projects around drugs and peer pressure from old friends who did not want anything out of life. So George, Sam, and Rameck made a pact to go to college.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sing by Maya Angelou



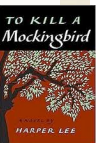
A phenomenal #1 bestseller that has appeared on the *New York Times* list for nearly three years, this memoir traces Maya Angelou's childhood in a small, rural community during the 1930s.

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells



There was a dinner party hosted by George. He tells his guests of his travels in his travels in his time machine, the work about which his friends knew. They were skeptical of any practical use....

To Kill A Mocking Bird by Harper Lee



This novel is during a very tense time racially in her home state of Alabama. The South was still segregated, forcing blacks to use separated facilities apart from those used by whites, in almost every aspect of society. The Civil Rights Movement....